

CITY OF THE HIGHLANDS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 6:00, April 14, 2025

Crazy Horse Sports Club, (lower level) 922 W. Crazy Horse Dr. 67502

AGENDA

I. Meeting called to order

- A. Welcome
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call of the Council

Christie Gardner, Lyle Foss and Mark Kerschen present. Jeff Jackson and Kenny Nuss absent.

AZC: Mo Penny

II. Approval of the agenda as presented/amended.

Motion by Foss, Seconded by Gardner, motion carried.

III. Public Comment(s): State name and address. Please limit remarks to \leq five minutes.

None

IV. Approval of draft minutes: Regular meeting, March 10, 2025.

Motion by Kerschen, Seconded by Gardner, motion carried.

V. Reports

A. Mayor

- 1. Meeting with LKM in Lindsborg, April 3rd.
Spencer Duncan liaison between legislature and didn't do anything about property taxes. Writing policies from outside. They were frustrated with lack of action.
- 2. April 3rd meeting with county appraiser.
Randy Parks setup the meeting. People were questioning appraisals. County appraisers gave a presentation on how they do appraisals. 9 people in attendance.
- 3. Meeting with attorney, April 9th.
Questions later on.
- 4. Work on Monroe Street north of 82nd.
Replacing culverts on Monroe in next 6 weeks.
- 5. Reminder of the annual AVEC meeting tomorrow evening at the North Sunflower building.

B. Treasurer

- 1. Monthly financial report deferred to next meeting.
- 2. Powered by ME--\$1,250.00 (snow removal 2/18, 10 hours)
- 3. Alpha Land Survey--\$8,280.00
- 4. Payment for clerical services--\$100.00 (4 months)

- 5. Re-imbursement for paper (5 reams) and black and color cartridges--\$168.46
- 5. Reno County Utilities--\$30.00
- 6. Automatic bank payment AVEC—\$101.70

Motion to approve all invoices by Foss, Seconded by Kerschen, motion carried.

C. AZC

1. Road repairs plan for summer 2025

- a. Paganica Pass
- b. 95th Street
- c. Wavoka
- d. Golf Green Court
- e. Paganica Plaza

Focusing on a and b and will move to other areas when completed.

Discussion on priorities

2. Mowing of ROWs in city

Discussssion; Need a contract. No need to put out for bid this year.

VI. New Business

A. City website training scheduled for April 22nd

Jeff, Christie and Carol doing the training at Jeff's office.

B. Spring clean-up scheduled for April 26th—roll-offs ordered

Do we need someone to organize the clean-up?

Metal rolloff on Jeff's lot up front. Other on firestation lot. Mass email sent out as reminder.

C. Parks & Recreation group report

Have not received any word on our grant application. It was submitted with the verbiage offered by EC.

Update on ground preparations.

Trees are mostly down and stumps are out. Getting rolloff for trees. Brad built a pad and leveled it. It is 10 feet larger than concrete pad. Will start first week of June.

D. Budget preparations for 2026

Lyle to get with Jeff.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion: November 2025 elections recruitment.

We had suggested at an earlier meeting to have April 28 special meeting to offer information to anyone interested in city governance.

Each member to give perspective, what surprised and what gratifying.

B. Status and discussion on violations/complaints.

- 1. Removal of tree stump on Rick Wooley's property
- 2. Chris Brown's secondary structure\

Recommendations from our city attorney: He offered to write a letter to #1 and #2 to spur some action. Going to municipal court would be the next step.

- 3. Mailbox on Dull Knife

Discussion: We don't have an ordinance to push it. If postmaster doesn't worry about it, they can push it.

C. Status of NW exit project (ARPA funding)--update

1. Annual ARPA report due April 30th

All ARPA funds have been spent.

X. As may arise

Place on agenda: City credit card – tabled until next meeting.

Make my move – people are from out of state coming in.

Encouraged to make incentive package. Make packets for people moving in, telling of trash services, internet, etc.

XI. Date for next City Council Meeting

A. April 28, 2025

Meeting on the 28th, Motion by Gardner, Seconded by Kerschen, motion carried

XII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Gardner, Seconded by Foss, motion carried.